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SENATE BILL 2799

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 4, relative to self-insured workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-405, is amended by adding the following new subsection (j):

All reports or information obtained by, or disclosed to, the commissioner pursuant to this part shall be given confidential treatment and shall not be made public by the commissioners, or any other person.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-405, is amended by adding the following new subsection (k):

All working papers, recorded information, documents and copies thereof produced by, obtained by, or disclosed to, the commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination made under Chapter 0780-1-54 of the rules of the department of commerce and insurance, division of insurance, must be given confidential treatment and shall not be made public by the commissioner, or any other person.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-405, is amended by adding the following new subsection (l):

An automatic ninety (90) day extension of the filing requirements of Chapter 0780-1-54-11.(1) of the rules of the department of commerce and insurance, division of insurance, shall be granted by the commissioner upon receipt of a request, via certified mail, by the group self-insurer. The request for extension must be submitted in writing not less than thirty (30) days prior to the due date. Thereafter, the commissioner may grant additional extensions for thirty (30) day periods upon a showing by the group self-insurer and its independent certified public accountant the reasons for requesting such extension and a determination by the commissioner of good cause for an extension.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-405, is amended by adding the following new subsection (m):

Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent or be construed as prohibiting the commissioner from disclosing the above, or any matter relating thereto, to state agencies of this or any other state or country, or to law enforcement officials of this or any other state or agency of the federal government at any time, so long as such agency or office receiving this information agrees in writing to hold it confidential and in a manner consistent with this section.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.